



# tattersalls

newsletter **september 2002**

## Swinging



## in the ring again

**B**lack Tie Boxing will be held on Friday 18 October. This well known Tattersalls fixture will feature seven high class bouts throughout the evening.

Following the very successful event held in May, the bouts will once again be organised by well known boxing legend Arthur Tunstall.

Entertainment similar to the May event will once again be featured during the evening.

Members and their guests will be treated to the traditional Tatts dinner and drinks. The Bar will open on Level 2 at 6.30pm and the first fight is scheduled for 7.30pm.

BOOKINGS OPENED AT 9AM ON MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, with the no cancellation policy operating, due to the popularity of this flagship event.

Cost of the evening is \$125.

Book with Administration Office on 9264 6111 or email: [administration@tattersallsclub.org](mailto:administration@tattersallsclub.org)



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# from the chairman

It is usual for us at this time of the year to be looking forward to what is always an active and exciting period in the Club. The arrival of Spring means Royal Randwick and a great day out as we do battle with the bookies and renew old friendships with the AJC. It also means that Black Tie Boxing is not too far off - and let me tell you that this is something not to be missed.



In the pool, the swimmers are lining up for the annual Two Tatts challenge when we take on our old adversaries at City Tatts. I have heard that they are still smarting after last year's clean sweep and are promising revenge. The Snooker Calcutta is grinding away as the cream rises to the top. And the Swimmers' first calcutta is into the second round. The new Fly fishers bunch are getting edgy with the imminent opening of the trout season and the promise of warmer waters for a new season of salt water fly challenges. Even the touch footballers are into it again as the boots are shined and the knee guards and liniment are applied for another year.

I know that I have said it before, but to all our members - and to our new members in particular, I can only say get involved and enjoy some of the best things in life that Tattersall's offers.

September also means for the Committee a time to reflect on our progress so far this year and to plan for the best financial return we can for the last quarter when member and function activity is at its peak. This year we are looking at proposals to increase our third party function sales and to trim our operating costs where we can. Many of these initiatives are underway and, as always, the Committee welcomes members' comments and concerns about any adverse impact on member services and amenities.

I have previously mentioned that the committee intended to appoint consultants to carry out a member survey to gain valuable feedback on the important issues in the Club. The

Committee has given the survey the go-ahead and you can expect to be contacted shortly.

Missing from the Club over the last few weeks is Harry Turner. Harry, as his many friends (and early morning swim squad victims) know, has been battling illness for some time. That he manages to generate and to inspire so much energy and enthusiasm while coping with his regular treatments is simply amazing and a credit to Harry's determination, commitment and competitive spirit. Hurry back Harry - you are very much missed.

And many thanks to the many members who have sent their congratulations to Eva-Marie and me on the recent arrival of our baby son and future Tatts member. The archives are being checked, but this may be a first for an incumbent Tattersall's Chairman!

**Russell Debney**



Join the chairman on the last Thursday of each month following the committee meeting for free drinks in the members bar





## secretary's report

Recently the Club has been the venue for a variety of sporting functions. The launch of Mat Rogers book at one of our special luncheons was a great success. Our Members joined with many enthusiastic guests of the club to enjoy a day of fine food and fabulous stories from some of the legends of rugby.

Tattersalls is now being recognised as one of the great venues for sporting hospitality by a number of major event managers and sporting organisations. In an ever-competitive function climate, it is promising to see the club is now being used by quality promoters to stage a wide range of sporting and social functions.

The Rugby World Cup in 2003 offers a huge opportunity for a corporate entity to use the facilities of the Club as a "home base" and for ongoing hospitality during this time.

**Tim Bowring**  
*Secretary*

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#### Office Hours

8.30 am - 5 pm | Monday to Friday

#### Brasserie

7 am - 3.30 pm | Monday, Tuesday & Friday

(bar meals available in the evening)

7 am - 9.30 pm | Wednesday & Thursday

#### Bar and Billiard Room

Noon - 9 pm | Monday to Wednesday

Noon - 10 pm | Thursday and Friday

#### Athletic Department

5.30 am - 9 pm | Monday to Friday

6 am - 6 pm | Saturday

Noon - 5 pm | Sunday

## directory of services

## tattersalls into the year 2002 calendar of events

### 2002 september

- 3rd Christian Fellowship Breakfast
- 7th Tattersalls Race Day and luncheon at Royal Randwick
- 9th Tickets on Sale for Black Tie Boxing
- 26th Chairman's Shout
- 29th Cycling Club, 8am Centennial Park

### october

- 1st Flyrodders Tom White at Tattersalls
- 1st Christian Fellowship Breakfast
- 11th Rod Harrison presentation
- 12-13th Rod Harrison Fly Casting Lessons
- 18th Black Tie Boxing
- 27th Cycling Club, 8am Centennial Park
- 31st Chairman's Shout

### november

- 4th Melbourne Cup Calcutta
- 5th Melbourne Cup Luncheon  
"Back to Flemington"
- 5th Christian Fellowship Breakfast
- 13th Tattersall's Cup Golf Day
- 15th Sportsmans Hall of Fame Lunch
- 21 - 24 First Freshwater Fishing Competition Snowy Mountains
- 24th Cycling Club, 8am Centennial Park



## club news

# New Members Snooker Night

### Eddie Charlton vs Joe Minici Exhibition Match

New Members and guests are invited to a snooker introduction night to be held on Wednesday 9 October at 5.30pm. It will include an exhibition match between the legendary Eddie Charlton and our own Joe Minici.

"This is an excellent way for new Members to become acquainted with Snooker at Tattersall's," said Committeeman Peter Werner. "Eddie and Joe will be happy to show new Members the finer points of the game and introduce them to the snooker fraternity here at the club".

"We encourage all Members to attend and to bring their guests to the evening".

The cost of the evening which includes dinner and drinks, and the exhibition match is \$40. Members can book through the Admin Office on 9264 6111, and enquires to Joe Minici in the Snooker complex.



*Charlton, Mizon and Minici*

# Tattersalls Melbourne Cup Calcutta

Tattersalls are combining with Toohey's to stage an inaugural Melbourne Cup Calcutta on the evening of Monday 4 November.

"Members have suggested that we hold a calcutta for The Cup instead of The Golden Slipper," said racing sub committee Chairman Bob Sanders.

"We hope that this event will become an annual highlight on the racing calendar.

## TATTERSALLS POLITICAL BREAKFASTS

A series of breakfasts with prominent politicians will be held at Tattersalls over the next few months.

The first breakfast will be held on Friday 27 September at 7.00am for 7.30am. Guest speaker will be NSW Opposition Leader John Brogden.

The breakfast is being organised by the Manly Branch of the Liberal Party.

"This is an ideal opportunity to have breakfast with the Opposition Leader, John Brogden," said Tattersalls Committeeman, Andrew Leary.

"More breakfasts are planned, with representatives of major political parties being invited to hold breakfasts."



*John Brogden MP*

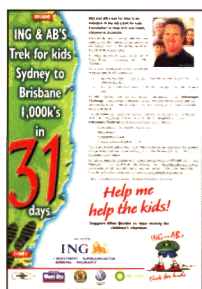




Peter Werner, Andrew Coorey, Simon Forsyth and Bob Sanders planning functions for the rest of 2002

## Functions Sub Committee

The Functions Sub Committee is responsible for planning of Member Functions at tattersalls. The sub committee meets monthly to ensure that events held are of the highest standard, and cater for a broad cross section of our membership. The Wine and Food Fair and Melbourne Cup Calcutta are two new functions on the calendar which will appeal to many Members.



## Trek for Kids

Earlier this year Allan Border launched his charity walk from Sydney to Brisbane by hosting a dinner at Tattersall's and bringing together such greats as Ian Botham, Mark Taylor, Shane Warne, Matt Hayden Glenn McGrath and many other test cricket giants. Now Allan is looking for further corporate support for AB's Trek for Kids which will raise well needed funds for several children's charities.


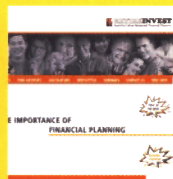
Tatts Members or their friends can learn more about this opportunity by contacting Emma Trevis on 9492 0013 email: [www.abtrekforkids.com.au](http://www.abtrekforkids.com.au)

## Rugby Heating Up

The Sydney Rugby Union competition is gearing up to a finale and plenty of Tatts members are keeping a close eye on things. The season has been split in to two parts at the first grade level with the Shute Shield already awarded to Ben Phillips' mates at Eastwood. The Tooheys New Cup is yet to be determined by a semi-final series.


No doubt Denis Cleary will be urging on the Randwick lads, Ken and Rick Glover will be pushing for Southern Districts and Bill Debney is not just a supporter but in fact a director of Northern Suburbs; but the strongest links between Tatts and grade rugby this year are probably with Sydney University. Among the Uni first grade team defending last year's premiership title are Tatts members Trevor Walsh and Michael Griffin and


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attending to all the Uni teams with his magic water is Phil "The Mullet" Huxtable. Uni also have the sideline support of former club captains John and Andrew Coorey, George Clapham and also Courtney Poulden, Matt Souter and former US World Cup forward Marc L'Huillier.

The presence of so many Uni lads in the club is apparently having no effect on the impartial refereeing of fellow member and 1st grade referee, David Begg.

Other Tatts members tied up in Sydney Rugby may have inadvertently been left out of this piece. In the case of the hordes playing in the sheltered workshop of sub-district Rugby it should be made clear that these people have been left out on purpose.



## Anglers News

Spring is finally here and the talk of getting out on the water can be heard around the corridors of Tattersalls.

Things are looking good. Stuart Reed from Fishabout Tours tells me that there are signs of salmon coming into the harbour this month.

Our last meeting in August was well attended by 16 keen saltwater anglers, all wanting to know how to catch Pelagics on fly in Pittwater. Our thanks go to Mike Felton for sharing with us his Pittwater secrets.

Here is an extract on what Mike sees in a day's fly-fishing.

### What fly fishing means to me

*"While fly fishing is a prolific way to fish, it means a lot more to me than just catching fish. It's the excitement as you prepare the night before, the expectation as you discuss the reports that have filtered through during the week, the anticipation as you head out in the crisp morning air. It's the adrenalin rush as you see bait shower and a fish break the surface; it's the grace of the cast, the excitement of seeing a fish follow your fly. It's about having the line in your hands as you retrieve and literally feeling the take and the fish's first run as the line slips through your fingers. It's about being hopelessly outclassed by fussy Salmon one day, only to come up with a pattern that clobbers them the next. It's about releasing the fish in the knowledge that you succeeded but without imposing too much on this wonderful fishery of ours. And finally its about sharing, sharing a morning with a mate who will have the memory for as long as you will, and sharing experiences and tactics with others to both improve your knowledge and to possibly help them to make their outings more successful and rewarding".*

**Mike Felton – Felties Flies**

### Our angling calendar is looking good for the rest of the year.

The big news is that Rod Harrison has made himself available to tattersalls for fly-casting lessons. Rod is one of Australia's best fly casters. The dates are 12th to 13th October, these lessons are open to beginners through to experts. We will be casting on water probably in Manly. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn or improve your skills from a master. Bookings can be made by email to myself.

### Tattersalls Freshwater Angling Competition

The Tattersalls Freshwater Angling Competition is well underway for 21st to 24th November. We are planning on 3 days fishing, walking and golfing in the Snowy mountains.

We are also looking at doing some block bookings with Fishabout Tours for this summer ....saltwater fly-fishing in Sydney Harbour is not to be missed. We will let you know the dates when they become available.

Lastly, we are also planning on a fly tying night in the club. We will be putting together a starters kit with tools and materials so you can create that special fly for the fishing competition or a knockout clouser for the kingfish on the harbour.

So for any enquiries and bookings just call or email me on [simon@f-a.com.au](mailto:simon@f-a.com.au)

.... sorry no fishy stories.

**Simon Forsyth Flyrodders Convener**

email: [simon@f-a.com.au](mailto:simon@f-a.com.au)



## Golf Report

### Kogarah 20 August

A field of 14 assembled in perfect conditions at Kogarah Golf Club on Tuesday 20 August. The only two limiting conditions on the day were the small field (where were the rest of you!) and the greens, which were undergoing winter maintenance. However these didn't affect the scoring in the two events played; single stableford with 4-ball in conjunction.

Simon Forsyth had a tough day but saw some encouragement with a screaming drive on the 17th. Mike Fitzgerald and Jock Murray had their moments but weren't close to the winners, while Bill Hannington and Mark Roufeil put in pretty solid cards.

In the singles event, Graham White took the money with a great 40 points, obviously taking advantage of the downturn in compo work with some heavy practice. Nick Lefebvre (39 points) was second, causing JT no end of trouble as he tries to get Nick to a handicap he deserves. George Machewski (37) was a good third, with a pack close at his heels.

The 4-ball went to Graham White and Michael McCormack (see comment below) with a 48 points; an excellent teamwork result. Long suffering Tatts Golf coordinator John Tierney teamed with Nick Lefebvre (coincidence that) to post 46 points and George Machewski and Barry Goron took 3rd money with a strong 44 points.

The longest drive saw a gorilla shot from George Machewski just beat old crock JT. (JT must have figured out how to take his right knee and left shoulder out of play).

The two nearest the pin opportunities both went to Keg McCormack, who, like G. White (see above) is also leaving the office work to others so he can practice at Concord. Still, they were two top shots.

### Next Event

2002 Championship - 13 November  
(Wednesday) Tee-off from 11.30 to 12.30.

All Tatts golfers are invited, indeed urged, to sign up for the 2002 Championship event at St Michael's. Defending the magnificent Club trophy will be 2001 birdie sneak Jock Murray, whose form is suspect.

If we are to sustain a 2003 golf program at Tatts, it is essential to draw a full field to this challenging event. So register your interest with:

#### John Tierney.

email: [jwt@spin.net.au](mailto:jwt@spin.net.au) or

mobile: 0411 195113, or

#### Jock Murray.

email: [jock@jismurray.com.au](mailto:jock@jismurray.com.au) or

mobile: 0419 660241



## BLACK TIE BOXING OCTOBER 18th 6.30pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets are now on sale

Don't be disappointed, limited number available

**Admission \$125.00 per person**

Book with Administration Office on 9264 6111  
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# sports

## Tattersall's Touch Football League

The Tattersalls Touch Football League is in full swing this month with certain Members of the Athletic Department stepping, jinking and weaving their way around the field while others are creaking, cracking and tearing.

But don't let that put you off. It is not too late to join a team and have some not-so-serious fun.

New rules that include kicking on any tackle will provide a more free flowing and open game of football for participants of all ability levels.

The Bob Sanders 'Coatholders', Tim Noonan's 'Legends', and Dunstan DeSousa's 'Nightriders' will welcome any interested participants to swell their playing ranks throughout the competition.

A Member representative team will be picked from the competition to play the Tattersall's Staff in the second annual 'Grudge Match'.

The Members, led by Callum Macleod, Mark Preston, and Russell Debney, dusted the Staff 8 - 6 in last years encounter and are looking for back-to-back wins in 2002.

Loosen up those lower backs, stretch those hamstrings and come down for a game.

See the Athletic Department noticeboard for details including team lists.

## Try the new Strength Conditioning and Skills Circuits for variety in your workout

They say variety is the spice of life and for those frequent Athletic Department users who may be looking for a change to their training routine or who would like to move a step closer to achieving their fitness goals then a S-C-S class is for you.

S-C-S classes cater for all age, fitness and ability levels, with each qualified

instructor providing his own individual touch to every session.

Development in muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance and flexibility will be enhanced through a mixed program including weight training, boxing, circuits, cardiovascular conditioning and stretching.

Regular classes are held throughout the week during peak times.

See the class timetable at reception for details.

## Athletic Department Members excel in the City to Surf

Tattersalls "Young Guns" Callum Macleod and Richard Jagger achieved fantastic results in the recent 2002 City to Surf which attracted a record 60,000 entrants with 52,185 completing the challenging 14km course.

Macleod finished with a time of 49:05 placing him 75th overall and Jagger ran a time of 51:23 putting him in 135th position.

Both Members are keen regular trainers who fully involve themselves in all Club activities and are just two of the many quality athletes who are the future of Tattersall's.

Well done Gentlemen.

## George makes welcome return to the Athletic Department

Lunchtime regulars will be glad to see the return of George Anamourlis to the Athletic Department.

George's warm welcome and enthusiasm to provide Tattersall's Members with the best possible service will make your next lunchtime visit to the Athletic Department all the more enjoyable.

Welcome back George.



*Athletic Department  
Fitness Guru Scott Le  
Jeune and 'disciples'*



*Micheal Dodd on the  
leg extension machine*



*George serving Athletic  
Department Member  
Richard Fennell*



# sports



Justin Herlihy and John Harvey



Inspecting the new equipment storage bins for swimmers beside the pool

## SWIMMING NEWS

The draw for participants in the inaugural Tattersall's Waterford Crystal Calcutta and the Auction and Dinner took place in July 2002 and they proved to be highly successful events.

Month 6 saw the old fox Andrew Torok move into the winner's seat to take out the 50 metre point score, with the Sportsman of the Year and rising star, Richard Jagger, triumphant in the 100 metre. The Manchester Unity swimmer of the month award went to the man or iron, Saul Brown.

We welcomed new swimmer Michael Dawson to the Swim Club this month and Richard Heath returned to the fold. Good to see you, gents.

### Results of month 5 swimming were:

#### Tattersall's Gift Voucher Award 50m

1	Andrew Torok	32 points
2	Richard Jagger	29 points
3	Peter Gibson	27 points

#### YTD End Month 6 - 50m

1	Andrew Torok	145 points
2	Peter Gibson	138 points
3	Pat Bryant	124 points

#### Clock Hotel Award 100m Award

1	Richard Jagger	21 points
2	John Greaves	19 points
3	Cesar Puertolas	17 points
4	Peter Thiel	17 points

#### YTD End Month 6 - 100m

1	Peter Thiel	127 points
2	Cesar Puertolas	119 points
3	John Greaves	108 points

#### Swimmer of the Month - Month 6 Manchester Unity Health Award.

Committee's Choice- Saul Brown

#### Progress Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy. Leaders are:

1	Peter Theil	33.5 points
2	Mark Roufeil	28 points
3	Tim Noonan	24 points
4	Charlie Robinson	24 points
5	Gary Wilson	24 points

### TRAINING SQUAD

The early morning swim squad meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6.45am. If you are interested in style correction and aerobic fitness please come and join us. If you need further information please contact John Greaves or Harry Turner. New swimmers are always welcome.



## Melbourne Cup Calcutta NOVEMBER 4th

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Bookings open September 30th

Book with Administration Office on 9264 6111  
or email: [administration@tattersallsclub.org](mailto:administration@tattersallsclub.org)



# sports

## A Busy Month

The Snooker Room has again had a very busy month with members practising for their tournament games, participating in competitions and generally enjoying the ambience of the room. This month has produced fewer upsets in the Handicap Snooker Calcutta but has not been short of excitement and tight games.

Of particular note was Roger Farebrother's first game when he was up against last year's runner up Mike Fitzgerald. Having to give a significant start and then being reduced to a bystander role following some excellent early play by Mike, Roger was facing a large defeat. He required snookers with eight reds still on the table, but fitting of our Club Champion, Roger played with calmness (and that little bit of luck we all need) to fight his way back into the match only to fall at the final hurdle. The tension that is created in the Match Room for players and spectators alike is wonderful.

It is games of this nature that makes the Calcutta such great entertainment and I urge all members to come along and enjoy the excitement.

On a less serious note, don't forget that on the last Thursday of every month we hold the Lightning Tournament. This is played in a variety of formats (singles, doubles, knock-out and round robin) and is always a great evening for snooker and social activities. Contact Joe Minici for details and bookings.

Also, as the interclub season is drawing to a close, I would like to thank all those members who participated in the various rounds to represent the Club.

Unfortunately, the Tatts Team fell just

short of the final this year but still a significant improvement on the past few years. At least we are heading in the right direction and will be on the look out for additional players for next year. If you are interested in playing please have a chat with Mark Twigg.

Finally, do not forget that all the other major tournaments are up and running so I would ask that all members assist in keeping these moving by chasing up your fellow competitor to arrange a game.

Until next month, good snookering,

**Chalky**



Joe Minici, Snooker professional, with Bob Jelfs, Secretary of Tattersalls Snooker Sub-committee

## Guide for 2002-3 Dressing:

### Accentuate the positive

**Sez Michael, back from watching Summer 2002 hit Milan.**

It's interesting. The checked casual shirts of the last year or two are giving way to multi-stripes. And the things to wear with them, the trouser, the cotton jacket, even the golfing blouson, are NOT neutrals but positive colour. Statements in sky blue or gold or navy or even red.

In five minutes, he says, you don't just get used to the extra impact...you LIKE it. It feels right, looks right.

Some examples will be opening up at V.M. some time next week. Watch the windows next door.



Vince Maloney On-The-Park  
Next door to Tattersall's ph. 9264 8837



## club dining



*"taste,"*



### TATTERSALLS FOOD AND WINE FAIR SEPTEMBER 20th 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Sample Wines from our Members' own  
Vineyards and gourmet food from  
Executive Chef Simon Flanders

**Admission \$20.00 per person**

Any members who would like to showcase their wines at the  
Food and Wine Fair should contact Vicki Keating on 9263 9204.

## Wine and Food Fair

Friday evening 20 September is the date  
for the first Tattersalls Wine and Food  
Fair. The night showcases a variety of  
wines and foods from Members and  
selected suppliers.

Members wineries include Gabriel's  
Paddocks (Chris Anderson) and Broke  
Estate (William Ryan), along with other  
brands with a connection to the club.  
Various vintages and varieties will be  
included in the tasting, with experts on  
hand to answer questions.

Foods include Hunter Valley Cheese  
Company, CMB Oysters, shucking on  
demand, and De Costi Seafood, to name  
a few.

Members will be able to move through  
the assortment of stalls, tasting the  
delicacies, and enjoying fine wine.

A feature of the evening will be the  
availability to purchase both food and  
wine for consumption at home.

Bookings can be made through the  
Administration Office on 9264 6111  
enquires to Vicki Keating at Tattersalls.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following have been proposed for Membership

NAME	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
ALLISON Mark Charles	Managing Director	J Lloyd	S Forsyth
BARBOUR Douglas James	Managing Director	S Forsyth	R Debney
BULL Alan George	Electrical Engineer	S Forsyth	B Phillips
NORTH Christopher Otway	Radio Announcer	J North	J Bell
RIORDAN Antony	Solicitor	B Kermond	G Standen
STITZ David Alan	General Manger	S Forsyth	B Phillips



we talk to Terry Lindfield

## Adventurer · Skier · Staunch Friend

### Tell us where you started out?

I was born and bred in Sydney, Haberfield 1941. My 93 year old mother still lives in the family home. Grew up in that part of the world and educated at St Patrick's Strathfield.

### And then?

I took my first job at the Daily Telegraph in the days of Sir Frank Packer, while I was doing a compositors course, worked in the advertising department. Then in 1965 with a couple of mates including Bob Jelfs (also a member of Tatts) we took off on an adventure, to drive a kombi van from Bombay to London. Unfortunately the day we arrived in Bombay, war was declared between India and Pakistan. Stopped passage of our original route, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, however it provided a wonderful opportunity to really see India and Nepal. We found places that hadn't seen a white face for years! Returned to Bombay - shipped the kombi up the Persian Gulf to Kuwait while we camped on deck. These were happier days on our planet and travelling and meeting the locals through Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey was a most rewarding experience.

### How was London in the sixties?

London at 25 was exhilarating, marvellous. Made some wonderful friendships the continue to endure, and met my wife-to-be. Interesting also as I became involved in contract cleaning and that has been a large part of my life ever since.

### Where has your business life taken you?

Launched my own cleaning company business in the early 70's and developed it to a highly competitive level employing hundreds of people. Through a passion for snow skiing, we created a business of ski lodge development and share syndication in Charlotte Pass. However, in 1979 I was involved in an horrific car accident on my way to the snow... I survived when others didn't and I spent 6 months in hospital. It changed my life and obviously it affected what I could do and what I wanted to do.

My business life took another satisfying curve as I bought into hotels: The Rest in Milsons Point; The Chalet, Charlottes Pass and The Albion, Port Melbourne.

### What are you proud about in your business life?

To have been able to be so richly involved in diverse projects ... most satisfying.

### Your personal life?

After the accident we bought a farm named "Linger & Die". 500 hectares between Stroud and Gloucester on the Karuah River. Just beautiful. My wife and I get there most weekends. Invigorates the soul ...we also breed excellent beef cattle.

### Any more ambitions?

To be a better skier in deep snow, a sport I love! I've always wanted to travel back to India some day: seek out the old places. But I've spoken to younger people who've been there more recently and I guess I'd find it all changed. I'll hang on to my own memories.

### How would you describe yourself?

I'd say I'm an enthusiast. I like to complete my own projects. But I live and let live unless, of course, it doesn't suit and I enter in vitriolic correspondence.

### How do you use the club?

From my early membership years, my children Andrew, Martin and Alicia celebrated Christmas and birthdays in the dining room. My 60th birthday party was another happy celebration. As I don't work in the city I am unable to partake in the culinary delights of the Club lunch. I enjoy the casual camaraderie of the gentlemen of the snooker room. As a perennial early exit of the Calcutta tournament I am a little tired of hearing "there is always next year".

### Anything you'd like to see changed in the club?

I believe the proposer and seconder could make an effort to introduce to their circle of member friends the new inductee. In ski resorts in the North America they have old pros called "Ski Friends" who take newcomers up unfamiliar mountains ...maybe we need some "Club Friends" here.

### Any advice to a new member?

Forget your reservations and talk to everyone. You may be as lucky as I was when I joined in 1980. On my first evening, I walked into the bar alone and was made very welcome by a great group of members. Some have departed to the Big TATTS above, but I will always cherish the initial friendships of Bruce Upcroft, David Dransfield, Peter Tessererio, Brian Nagel and Lou Silk.

